



Highlights of the Committee Conventions 1954



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"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can, at all the times you can,
to all the people you can."

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Those in attendance at Committee Conventions check from different angles to see what has been accomplished and how well we are preparing to meet the future.

Committee meetings are the "follow-up" meetings, where the hopes and desires of the members are framed into action.

Secretaries' Reports A few people and small groups with the courage to build on their dreams have been responsible for the start of many an activity which benefited the entire community. Some will remember the struggle for the establishment of the Wheat Board, also the years when the job to secure Debt Legislation was part of our Committee work and Crop Insurance was a crying need.

Today the Secretaries' reports on Committee activities cover a wide range of work and shareholders, and Committees express opinions on:

- Full Production
- Retaining 1954-55 Initial Payment at \$1.40 basis 1 Nor., Fort William.
- Advance on Grain Stored on Farms.
- The importance of Markets.
- Distribution of box cars.
- Livestock Marketing.
- Local problems.

During the past 12 months, Committee Secretaries have sent in to Head Office over 2,000 resolutions and the minutes covering 5,196 local annual and general meetings held during that period.

Useful work and success goes hand in hand with good organization, and Wheat Pool Committees have a record of which they may well be proud.

At some conventions the agenda was changed to meet the needs of the meeting, but at most, there were one or more discussion periods. Here growers were quite at home in expressing opinions on matters of first importance to them. Very often resolutions were worked out and presented to the entire convention for discussion and action. Each group was asked to submit one or more questions to the Panel.

Panel and Questions The panel was usually made up of the Director, Delegate, Travelling Superintendent and Fieldman. Here was another opportunity for those in attendance to get up-to-date information, on Policy, the Marketing situation on grain and livestock and prices, Pool Flour, Modern Press, Elevators, Grading, Shipping Orders, Box cars, organizing, Youth activities, Co-op Schools, etc.

Delegates' Report The leadership and the association of the delegate with the Wheat Pool Committees shows up throughout the entire convention program. His duties are two-fold: first he is the Representative of the shareholders at General or Special meetings, and secondly, he is in charge of the general organization work in the sub-district for which he is elected. The inspiration and leadership of a delegate is reflected in the work of Committees and the interest of the general membership.

Junior Activities Many of those who have attended 4-H Club Achievement Days and sales, have been pleasantly surprised at the excellent grain and livestock produced and shown by Club members. There are over 70,000 members of 4-H Clubs in Canada. Then there are the Girls' Homecraft Clubs which have also been sponsored by Wheat Pool Committees. Reporting to many conven-

tions were Test Plot Supervisors, members of 4-H Clubs, and Boys and Girls who took part in sub-district oratorical contest or attended Co-operative Schools.

Agents Agents of Pool Elevators have been selected because of their faith in the Co-operative movement as well as their ability to do a good job for the shareholders and patrons, who own and control the company. The agent has the feeling down inside, that he is working with many others who have the same faith as his own, and that out of their common interest the lot of the growers and the community will be improved.

In reporting to the conventions, a number of agents spoke with pride of the fine co-operation of Wheat Pool Committees and the loyalty and support of many shareholders and patrons. Patronage is the foundation of any business.

Travelling Superintendent This worthy and experienced co-operator came up the "hard way" through the dust and toil of Pool Elevators. He has the responsibility of supervising several million dollars' worth of your elevator property and grain. Moreover, he knows a great deal about the value of Pool Elevators to the farmers and the importance of deliveries by the shareholders to their own elevators.

The Travelling Superintendent works to ensure that the policies of the Pool and the numerous laws and regulations respecting the handling of grain are carried out. The interest of the farmers coupled with SERVICE brings the Travelling Superintendent in close contact with the shareholders and committeemen.

Fieldman The Fieldman's report to convention generally had to do with his work in the sub-district, what had been accomplished and what were the convention's plans for the future. Research and education in themselves don't help

farmers make both ends meet, but a knowledge of facts, plus planning and action equal progress. The record of Wheat Pool Committees speaks for itself in any community, and the entire year's work is dependent upon team-work.

The highlight of the day is the **Directors' Report** Directors' report on Future Policy, and the work of the Board and Management during the past year. The objective of the Wheat Pool means more than ownership of The Modern Press, elevator, terminals, Flour Mill or Livestock yards—it means the future welfare of the farm people and those dependent on them.

Here are a few of the questions asked:

To the Travelling Superintendent:

—What are you going to do about Box cars and more space, so we can deliver more of our grain to our own elevator?

To the Fieldman:

—Why don't you confine your work to Wheat Pool and Pool Elevators instead of trying to cover so many other things like Credit Union, Federated Co-operatives, C.C.I.L., Co-op Life, University Extension and work with young people?

To The Agent:

—What difference does it make to me, a shareholder, where I deliver my grain?

To The Delegate:

—If I sell my livestock direct to a drover or to a Packing Plant, just how do I hinder building stronger markets and prices?

To The Director:

—Financing by some of us is getting to be a real problem. What has the Wheat Pool done?

- (1) about keeping the initial payment at \$1.40 basis 1 Nor.
- (2) about advances on farm stored grain this fall?
- (3) about additional storage space.

SUGGESTED ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES FOR WHEAT POOL COMMITTEES AS REPORTED AT 1954 COMMITTEE CONVENTIONS

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"Delegates shall be responsible for the organization of Wheat Pool Committees at every shipping point, and at such other places in their sub-districts as may be deemed necessary in order that every shareholder in a sub-district may be fully informed regarding Pool business."—Delegates By-Law No. 3.

THE COMMITTEE

Elected annually by the shareholders in the local area.

Five to eleven members who patronize Pool Elevators and use the facilities of the Livestock Pool where available.

ACTIVITIES

POOL ELEVATORS

Increase deliveries to Pool Elevators.
Improve standards of service.
Become familiar with the Canada Grain Act and the use of the Car Order Book.

MEMBERSHIP

Increase of Shareholders.
Check shareholders' lists, and help Agent keep up-to-date.

LIVESTOCK SHIPPING

Increase shipments to Livestock Pool.
Study Livestock Marketing problems, and improve service to Producers.

Inform Head Office of Local needs and Problems. Make recommendations on Provincial and National affairs which affect the farmers' welfare.

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Hold four or more Committee Meetings a year.
Arrange Growers' Meetings.
Encourage organization and patronage of Credit Unions, Co-op Associations, etc.

Increase subscriptions to The Western Producer.
Encourage use of Wheat Pool Library.
Promote Co-op Schools, Radio Farm Forum and other study groups. Use Agent's Reference Book—Handbook 4.

Encourage and interest young farmers in Pool policies and the value of co-operation.

AGRICULTURE ETC.

Sponsor 4-H Clubs, Demonstrations, Field Days, etc., in co-operation with University of Saskatchewan and Agriculture Representative Service.

SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL

Work with other organizations for Community Welfare, including entertainments, picnics, sports and amateur hours.
Excursions to Pool Test Plots, Experimental Farms and points of interest.

Help build and support a Farm Program to meet present-day needs. Use Pool Co-op Flour.